(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in that regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All India Radio and Doordarshan cover important news and current affairs events in a fair, balanced and objective manner without promoting interests of any party. AIR and Doordarshan strictly follow the news policy and guidelines laid down by the Media Advisory Committee. The report which appeared in the Times of India of 1st June, 1989 is not based on facts. There is no inierference in the news coverage of AIR/TV. Both AIR and Doordarshan enjoy functional autonomy in all professional matters.

Progress of Babrala Fertiliser Plant

1244. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whehert it is a fact that a gas-based fertilizer plant is going to be established at Babrala in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the completion of the above plant; and

(c) by when the above plant is likely to start production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The progress in implementation of the project made by the promoters is indicated below:—

(i) the promoters, their shareholders and associates have subcribed Rs.. 85 crores to the share capital.

(ii) the land has been leased to the promoters.

(iii) the engineering contracts have been approved by Government.

(iv) the financial institutions and banks have sanctioned a rupee loan of Rs. 292 crores.

(v) the foreign exchange sources have been approved.

(vi) environmental clearance has been accorded; and

(vii) DGTD clearance for the import of capital goods has been obtained.

(c) The plant is expected to start production in 42 months from the 'zero date' which will commence after M/s. Tata Fertilisers Ltd. merge with M/s. Tata Chemicals Ltd., for which legal and procedural steps are underway.

Clearance of backlog of jobs for handicapped persons in the country

1245. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge backlog of jobs for the handicapped in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details and what steps have been taken by Government to clear the backlog of vacancies for the handicapped and the number of proposals announced for the welfare of the handicapped persons;

(c) whether Government propose to bring legislation for the welfare of the handicapped; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposals to be included in the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) 1% vacancies in Group 'C' & 'D' each for the blind, deaf and orthopaedically handicapped have been reserved in the Central Government Services and comparable posts in Public Undertakings. To clear the backlog of reserved posts for blind and deaf in group 'C' & 'D' posts in Central Government Ministries/ Deptts. and Public Undertaking a special recruitment drive programme has been taken up. Government have initiated a number of schemes and programmes for welfare of handicapped in the field of education, training and rehabilitation.

(c) and (d) The matter regarding bringing legislation for handicapped is under consideration of the Government.

Conference of Chief Minister to discuss 64th Amendment Bill

1246. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has received a letter from the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu requesting to convene a conference of all Chief Ministers to discuss the Constitution 64th Amendment Bill, 1989; and

(b) if so, what has been response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no proposal to convene another Conference of Chief Ministers to discuss the Constitution 64th Amendment Bill, 1989 as the matter is under consideration of the Parliament.

Changes in area and prices of land meant for schools in Chandigarh and Mohali

1247. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab Government had arbitarily changed/ altered area/prices of the land allotted to the schools in Chandigarh and Mohali;

(b) whether Government had received any Memorandum from institutions protesting these changes; and

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any steps to meet the demands of the Institutions (schools)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Administration of land is a subject dealt by the State Govts./Union Territories. Central Govt. are not consulted in matters relating to this subject.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A representation received from Mohali ways forwarded to Govt. of Punjab for disposal. Another petition regarding land price for schools in Chandigarh was duly examined by the Rajya Sabha Petitions Committee and disposed of. The ninety-fifth report of the Committee presented to the House on 30th March, 1989, refers.

Allotment of type IV quarters in LIZ area

1248. SHRI K. G. MAHESWARAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some type IV quarters in Raja Bazar area near Gole Market, New Delhi which were declared dangerous and required for demolition, were got vacated in 1979;